

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Sherman Oaks resident I oppose 22-0158. Communities need to retain control of their neighborhoods. Homelessness is a big problem, and I commend the City Council for addressing it. However, you must be fair to your constituents and find solutions that don't abrogate our rights. This motion is desperate and misguided. Giving free shelter and food to homeless people without asking for anything in return (like demanding sobriety, taking meds, good behavior, and learning a skill) of the mentally ill and the drug-addicted is just a guarantee that the drug addiction and untreated mental illness will continue unabated on our streets. It will produce more crime and chaos in residential neighborhoods. I am sure some percentage of homeless people just need an opportunity to get a leg up and get back on their feet. But you cannot propose decent, hardworking Angelenos live next door to drug addicts and the mentally ill. You must address that component of the homeless population and get them away from where they can hurt others. I know a family living next to a homeless shelter near MacArthur park. They put up with screaming and fighting at all hours of the day and night. There's been a shooting lately. Keep working on this problem but find solutions that respect our rights and guide the homeless not just off the streets, but out of the habits/circumstances that put them there.